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In Re the Application of:

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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For: Intervertebral Disk Prosthesis

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant herewith submits the following Preliminary Amendment to the claims of the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.